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SUBJECT: WEST GERMAN NUCLEAR ASSISTANCE TO BRAZIL

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1. WESTINGHOUSE REPS JOHN REITHMEIER AND JACK MURPHY ARRIVED IN RIO NOVEMBER 7 TO PRESENT TO GOB A SUGGESTED "MASTER PLAN" FOR A NUCLEAR ENERGY INDUSTRY IN BRAZIL. DURING SEPARATE TALKS WITH CNEN (NATIONAL NUCLEAR ENERGY COMMISSION) PRESIDENT HERVASIO CARVALHO AND CBTN (BRAZILIAN NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY COMPANY) SUPERINTENDENT/DIRECTOR CARLOS SYLLUS, THEY WERE INFORMED AGAIN (REFTEL C) THE ENTIRE MATTER IS IN HANDS OF MINISTER OF MINES AND ENERGY UEKI, CONFIDENTIAL

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WHO HAS NOW RETURNED TO BRASILIA FROM EUROPE. WESTING-

HOUSE OFFICERS HAVE REQUESTED APPOINTMENT WITH UEKI SOONEST.

2. CARVALHO INFORMED WESTINGHOUSE REPS THAT UEKI HAD NOT BEEN ESPECIALLY INTERESTED IN NUCLEAR AFFAIRS UNTIL ENRICHMENT PROBLEM AROSE WITH US SEVERAL MONTHS AGO. SINCE THEN, HOWEVER, HE HAS BECOME DEEPLY INTERESTED AND NOW APPEARS DETERMINED TO SIGN PACKAGE DEAL WITH WEST GERMANS IN ORDER TO ASSURE THAT BRAZIL EVENTUALLY HAS ITS OWN ENRICHMENT FACILITIES. (CARVALHO REPORTEDLY COMMENTED THAT HE PERSONALLY FELT THAT US IS IN A "MESS" ON ITS ENRICHMENT POLITICIES AND THAT NO ONE -- THE AEC, PRIVATE FIRMS, OR PUBLIC UTILITIES -- IS HAPPY WITH IT.) ACCORDING TO WESTINGHOUSE REPS, QUOTING CARVALHO, UEKI HAS BEEN TALKING WITH GERMANS ABOUT THE BECKER NOZZLE TYPE OF ENRICHMENT PROCESS, BECAUSE IT WOULD POSE NO PROBLEMS OR RESTRICTIONS VIS-A-VIS OTHER COUNTRIES (SUCH AS BRITISH AND DUTCH WITH CENTRIFUGE PROCESS) IF BRAZIL DECIDES TO INSTALL A PLANT OF ITS OWN. CARVALHO STATED FURTHER THAT A DECISION ON GERMAN PACKAGE WOULD BE MADE BY NOVEMBER 20. WESTINGHOUSE REPS BELIEVE THAT UNLESS THEY CAN SOMEHOW CHANGE UEKI'S MIND, FIRM WILL PARTICIPATE IN NO MORE THAN FIRST TWO OF THE EIGHT NEW REACTORS BEING PROPOSED FOR THE 1980'S, IF THAT.

3. ACCORDING TO WESTINGHOUSE OFFICIALS, CARVALHO ALSO STATED THAT FRANCE OFFERED TO FINANCE AND BUILD A GASEOUS DIFFUSION ENRICHMENT PLANT IN BRAZIL. (GOB APPARENTLY HAS NOT PURSUED DISCUSSIONS WITH THE FRENCH, HOWEVER.)

4. CARVALHO ALSO REPORTEDLY STATED THAT GOB INTENDS TO INITIATE BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS SOON WITH ARGENTINA TO PROPOSE THAT BOTH COUNTRIES OFFER TO OPEN UP FOR INSPECTION ALL NUCLEAR INSTALLATIONS AND ENRICHMENT PLANTS BUILT ON THEIR RESPECTIVE TERRITORIES. CARVALHO SAID THAT BRAZIL WOULD INCORPORATE ALL INTERNATIONAL SAFEGUARDS INTO ITS OWN NUCLEAR PROGRAM AND WOULD OFFER INSPECTION AT ANY REQUIRED LEVEL. HE STRESSED THAT GOB HAS NO MILITARISTIC INTENTIONS WHATSOEVER IN DEVELOPING ITS NUCLEAR PROGRAM.
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5. COMMENT: CARVALHO'S STATEMENTS AS REPORTED BY WESTINGHOUSE TEND TO CONFIRM INDICATIONS WE HAVE HAD BEFORE THAT GOB IS MOVING SERIOUSLY, PERHAPS RAPIDLY AND DEFINITELY, TOWARD GERMAN OFFER. CONGEN RIO WILL CONTACT CARVALHO TO CONFIRM WESTINGHOUSE'S ACCOUNT. US INABILITY TO COMMIT ITSELF FIRMLY TO LONG-TERM PROVISION OF ENRICHED NUCLEAR FUEL IS IMPORTANT ELEMENT

IN GOB'S TURN TO GERMANS AND PERHAPS TO OTHERS. ALSO,
AS I INDICATED TO AMBASSADOR BOWDLER, I DO NOT BELIEVE
GOB PREPARED TO ACCEPT TIGHTENED SAFEGUARDS IN REVISED
BILATERAL UNLESS ALL SUPPLIERS CONCENTRATE IN ESTABLISHING
EQUALLY RIGOROUS STANDARDS.

WE HAVE NO REASON TO THINK THAT UEKI IS ACTING
UNILATERALLY BUT ON THE CONTRARY BELIEVE THAT HIS
ACTIONS REFLECT A CONCERTED GOVERNMENT-WIDE POLICY TO
MOVE AHEAD RAPIDLY, IN VIEW OF ARGENTINE DEVELOPMENTS
AND OTHER FACTORS TO DEVELOP A FULL NUCLEAR CAPABILITY.
I INTEND TO DISCUSS THIS MATTER WITH UEKI FOLLOW-
ING WESTINGHOUSE'S PRESENTATION. IN THIS CONNECTION,
I WOULD WELCOME ANY SUGGESTIONS THAT WASHINGTON MAY
HAVE, PARTICULARLY AS REGARDS THE EXTENT TO WHICH I
CAN CALL INTO QUESTION REAL GERMAN CAPABILITIES. I
WILL, OF COURSE, REITERATE THE TERMS OF US AIDE MEMOIRE
(STATE 179078) BUT GIVEN THE UNCERTAINTIES IN THAT
DOCUMENT AS WELL AS THOSE SURROUNDING THE BILATERAL,
I DO NOT BELIEVE THESE WILL BY THEMSELVES BE SUFFICIENT
TO DISSUADE GOB FROM ITS COURSE.
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